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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. THE JAMAICAN MORASS: THE BRITISH AND CANADIAN VIEW

THE CANADIAN DCM AND THE BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER,
IN A FEBRUARY 18 MEETING WITH OUR DCM, EXPRESSED THE VIEW
THAT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IS TAKING JAMAICA TO THE EDGE OF
CHAOS AND THE DETERIORATION WILL ACCELERATE. THEY SAID
THAT:

--THERE IS DOUBT WHETHER MANLEY IS ABLE TO CONTROL HIS
PARTY'S LEFT WING.

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--THE LEFT WISHES TO PROLONG AND DEEPEN THE ECONOMIC
CRISIS AS A MEANS OF DESTROYING THE MIDDLE CLASS AND
CAPITALISM.

--THE MIDDLE CLASS IS REACTING BY ATTEMPTING TO FLEE
THE ISLAND.

THE TWO SUGGESTED THAT THE SITUATION WOULD LEAD TO INCREASED CRIME AND TERRORISM, AND THEY EXPRESSED LITTLE FAITH IN THE ABILITY OF JAMAICAN SECURITY FORCES TO PROTECT THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE AGREE IN GENERAL WITH THEIR CONCLUSIONS, WE ARE INCLINED TO VIEW THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE TERRORIST POTENTIAL AS OVERDRAWN. NONETHELESS, OUR SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE WILL REEVALUATE THE SITUATION IN LIGHT OF BRITISH AND CANADIAN EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN. (CONFIDENTIAL) KINGSTON 842 (LIMDIS), 2/22.)

2. BOLIVIA OUT OF ARMS RACE ALREADY?

BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ADRIAZOLA TOLD AMBASSADOR STEDMAN ON FEBRUARY 18 THAT HE WAS CONVINCED BOLIVIA WOULD NOT SPEND SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS ON NEW WEAPONS BECAUSE THE ARMED FORCES COULD NOT BE STRENGTHENED SUFFICIENTLY TO DETER PERU OR AFFECT THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE AREA. HE ADDED THAT THE US HAS A MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE PEACE IN THE SOUTHERN CONE, AND SHOULD MAKE A CLEAR PUBLIC DECLARATION OF ITS STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY CONFLICT IN THE AREA. (CONFIDENTIAL) LA PAZ 1386, 2/22.)

3. SUDAN VIEWS THE HORN OF AFRICA

NEWLY APPOINTED SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MANSOUR KHALID TOLD AMBASSADOR BREWER ON FEBRUARY 19 THAT THE ERITREAN REBELS CAN WIN INDEPENDENCE MERELY BY WAITING FOR THE
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ETHIOPIAN MILITARY TO COLLAPSE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE REBELS COULD HAVE CAPTURED SEVERAL CITIES ALREADY, BUT WERE NOT PREPARED TO ADMINISTER THEM. KHALID ALSO STATED THAT:

--THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS MENGISTU TO BE COMMITTED TO THE SOVIETS, AND THEREFORE HAS NOT SENT A REPLACEMENT AMBASSADOR TO ADDIS ABABA.

--THE SOMALIS ARE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE USSR FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA.

--THE TIME IS THEREFORE RIPE FOR A SOMALI POLICY CHANGE, AND SUDAN AND THE US SHOULD HELP WOO MOGADISCIO AWAY FROM MOSCOW. (CONFIDENTIAL) KHARTOUM 606, 2/22.)

4. MAKARIOS DEIGNS TO DENY

IN A STATEMENT RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 19, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS DESCRIBED ALLEGATIONS THAT HE HAD BEEN ON THE CIA PAYROLL AS UNWORTHY OF DENIAL. THE ARCHBISHOP ADDED:

"I CHALLENGE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPORT TO PUBLISH ANY DATA PROVING SUCH AN UNFOUNDED AND MALICIOUS ALLEGATION.... I DID NOT HAVE, NOR WAS IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO CONDESCEND TO HAVE, ANY RELATION WITH THE CIA OR ANY SUCH SERVICE."

IN THE VIEW OF EMBASSY NICOSIA, THE ARCHBISHOP'S QUICK RESPONSE HELPED TO SQUELCH WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN A JUICY SCANDAL FOR THE CYPRIOT PRESS. THE EMBASSY NOTED THAT THE EXTREMELY HEAVY PRESS PLAY GIVEN TO THE CLIFFORD MISSION HAS ALSO HELPED TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE CIA STORY. (CONFIDENTIAL) NICOSIA 501, 2/22.)

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5. SOVIET WARNING ON CYPRUS INITIATIVES?

AN OFFICIAL OF THE TURKISH FOREIGN OFFICE TOLD A MEMBER OF THE CLIFFORD MISSION ON FEBRUARY 21 THAT THE SOVIETS REPORTEDLY WARNED THE FRG NOT TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN A WESTERN INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS. THE SOVIETS REPORTEDLY STATED THAT SUCH AN INITIATIVE WOULD CONSTITUTE A NEW NATO EFFORT TO INTERVENE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, A DEVELOPMENT TO WHICH THEY SAID THEY COULD NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) ANKARA 1350, 2/22.)

6. MOSCOW: US DELEGATION WARMLY WELCOMED

EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT THE US DELEGATION ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, HEADED BY ACTING LEGAL ADVISOR GEORGE ALDRICH, HAS BEEN WARMLY WELCOMED BY THE SOVIETS. THE TALKS HELD BY THE DELEGATION, THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS TO MOSCOW SINCE THE INAUGURATION, HAVE LED TO NEARLY COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS (LAWS OF WAR). THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE NO COMPLAINT CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENTS, AND THEY HAVE SAID THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD OPTIMISTICALLY TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT NEXT MONTH. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 2442, 2/22.)
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